

**Amendments to the claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) Holder for sample elements, in particular for sample cards, with at least one holding body that penetrates a cutout or an eyelet for the sample element or several sample elements, ~~characterized through~~ wherein a reception region for the sample elements, which reception region has two holding bodies (2, 3), at least one holding body (2, 3) being movable to obtain a ring-like closed configuration of the holding bodies (2, 3) in the closed position and a loading position forming a passage (10) between the holding bodies (2, 3), the holding bodies (2, 3) being provided on their side opposite to the reception region with at least one handgrip (6, 7).
2. (Currently Amended) Holder according to claim 1, ~~characterized through~~ wherein a joint (5) that is formed between the handgrips (6, 7) and the reception region, for the purpose of actuating at least one holding body (2, 3) upon actuation of at least one handgrip (6, 7).
3. (Currently Amended) Holder according to ~~claim 1 or 2~~ claim 1, ~~characterized through~~ wherein a spring-loaded joint (5) guiding the two holding bodies (2, 3), which joint is designed to close the holding bodies (2, 3) when the handgrips (6, 7) are not actuated.
4. (Currently Amended) Holder according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized through~~ wherein the holding bodies (2, 3) ~~forming~~ form an oval in their closed position.

5. (Currently Amended) Holder according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized ~~through~~ wherein the holding bodies (2, 3), of which the facing end faces (8, 9) in the passage region (11) */sic/* are formed in a beveled manner so as to complement each other.

6. (Currently Amended) Holder according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized ~~through~~ wherein the passage region (10) between the holding bodies (2, 3), which region is formed laterally in relation to the joint (5).

7. (Currently Amended) Holder according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized ~~through~~ wherein the holding bodies (2, 3), ~~which~~ are each formed so as to be movable with respect to the other.

8. (Currently Amended) Holder according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized ~~through~~ wherein at least one handgrip (6, 7), ~~which~~ displays a hanging device for the holder (1).